Motions 314 to 318.

The following motions lapsed, the time allotted for the demand having expired:—

MR. C. P. THOMAS:

314. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 1·74 lakhs under Demand XV by Re. 1

MR. T. J. MATTHEW:

315. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 1·74 lakhs under Demand XV by Re. 1.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON:

316. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 1·74 lakhs under Demand XV by Rs. 10.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI:

317. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 1·74 lakhs under Demand XV by Rs. 10.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH:

318. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 1·74 lakhs under Demand XV by Rs. 100.

The question that the sum of Rs. 1·74 lakhs less Re. 1 under Demand XV—Agriculture and Fisheries—be granted was then put and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XVI—INDUSTRIES—Rs. 1·12 LAKHS.

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1·12 lakhs under Demand XVI—Industries.

22 A. INDUSTRIES—DIRECTION.

Motions 319 to 324.

The following motion was deemed not to have been moved as the member was absent.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW:

319. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 18,196 for Direction by Re. 1.

The following motions were not moved:—

MR. K. I. JOSEPH:

320. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 18,196 for Direction by Rs. 100.

22 B. INDUSTRIES—INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI:

321. To omit the allotment of Rs. 550 for pay of the temporary additional teachers.

The following motion was deemed not to have been made as the member was absent:—

MR. A. K. PILLAI:

322. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 550 for Spinning Instructor by Rs. 10.

The following motions were not moved:—

MR. K. I. JOSEPH:

323. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 63,713 for Industrial Education by Rs. 100.

22 C. INDUSTRIES—INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH:

324. o reduce the allotment of R 22,151 for Industrial Development by Rs. 100.

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Motion 325.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*) : Sir, I beg to move the following motion :—

325. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 1·12 lakhs under Demand XVI by Re. 1.

I wish to draw the attention of the Government to the need for spending more on the industrial development of the country. In connection with that, I have to point out the need for the department attending to the question of giving instruction in embroidery and lace work in parts of Central Travancore and North Travancore. Now embroidery and lace work is a very profitable industry and it has been practised in South Travancore. It is to be regretted that in Central and North Travancore, especially in North Travancore, this cottage industry has not been encouraged nor has it been practised. One reason is that private effort in the matter of giving instruction in this art has no chance of success, in so far as it has been found difficult for private agencies to attract teachers who know the art from South Travancore to go and work there. This being the case, we find that the only way in which this difficulty can be removed is by the Government spending money in order that teachers may be sent to various parts of North Travancore where the people want such education. What a private agency may not be able to do, a Government department may be able to do. Therefore, I would call the attention of the Director of Industries to the need of appointing some teachers who might visit various villages and work there for a period of four or five months or even six months and go from village to village according to the demand made by the people, thereby extending this industry in North Travancore also. The need for this will be felt all the greater when we remember how there is still a large number of girls who have passed the V. S. L. C. and other examinations and who are not able to find any employment as teachers in girls' schools. With these remarks, I make the motion.

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : Sir, I agree with Mr. C. P. Thomas in almost all that he has said about embroidery and lace work. I was myself impressed with the need for appointing itinerant weaving instructors for spreading these industries in Central and North Travancore. Some years ago—

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : May I know from the Director of Industries whether there is a class in the institute here for lace-making ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : There is no class.

I sent up proposals to the Government for the appointment of an instructor for teaching embroidery and lace-making, and subsequently, if I remember correctly, the Economic Development Board also recommended the appointment of such an instructor. But at that time the Government could not see their way to make that appointment. Now that Mr. C. P. Thomas has moved the question, I will approach the Government again and see what can be done in the matter.

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MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether the Director has any idea of opening a class in the institute here for training men in lace-making and embroidery?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): I have not got any such idea.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Then how is he going to send trained men to Central and North Travancore?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): There are already trained people who are available.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Then what is the difficulty in starting a class here?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): In Trivandrum and South Travancore there is no need for such a class as there are already any number of private people available. Even in Trivandrum, girls can get instruction in lace-making and embroidery from private individuals.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is there any difficulty in starting a class here?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): There is no difficulty, but there is no need for it. That is what I say.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Does it mean that there are several lace-making classes here?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): There are no classes, but girls have the means of getting instruction.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I know that there are many girls needing instruction from somebody and that there are not sufficient number of trained hands for the purpose.

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): I shall consider that question also.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): What about the boring machine, please?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): May I know whether it arises here?

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): It is a token motion and I think various things can be discussed under this motion. Is it being used anywhere?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): It is being used.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): I am thankful to the Director of Industries for favourably receiving my request with regard to the appointment of an itinerant teacher on this subject and I hope that the Government will accept the recommendation made by the Director.

I wanted also to speak about another aspect of the work of the department.

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Nominated*) (*Deputy President*): Is it not too late, Sir, for him to speak on any other subject?

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MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Is it possible for Mr. Thomas to refer to any other matter after having heard the official reply? The explanation is one way and the speech is the other way.

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): I thought that it was understood that we were allowed to speak on any matter under this cut motion. It is only a general recommendation about the need for the officers of the Industrial Department as well as other departments—

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Nominated*) (*Deputy President*): He has only the right of replying.

PRESIDENT: While you are replying, you cannot refer to any matter that has not been already touched upon. Do you press your motion, Mr. Thomas?

MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): I do not want to press the motion.

The motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Motion 326.

The following motion was deemed not to have been moved as the member was absent:—

MR. T. J. MATTHEW:

326. To reduce the total allotment of Rs 1·12 lakhs under Demand XVI by Rs. 5.

Motion 327.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Sir, I beg to make the following motion:—

327. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 1·12 lakhs under Demand XVI by Rs. 10.

When sending in the motion, I explained my object. It is this:

"To point out the desirability of reducing the expenditure in the department by 50 per cent. and utilising the savings for reducing taxes which press on the poor working classes."

On examining the working of the Industrial and Agricultural experts in Travancore, I am reminded of the story of an alchemist. One alchemist or *Rasavadi* went to a person who lived in a country-place and told him that if he gave him one hundred rupees he would turn one thousand copper chackram-pieces into gold. At first the countryman was rather allured by the proposal, but on second thought he felt "why not the alchemist be given some chackrams and he be asked first to turn them into gold for his pay? The common people of our country are in the same predicament. The experts say that, if they are paid certain sums monthly, they will find easy ways of adding to the wealth of the people. So far, it has not been the case from the point of view of the people. I suggest that these experts instead of being paid monthly be given facilities for earning a living from their work. If the expert is an agricultural expert, he should be given the land required for cultivation and a loan for agriculture; if a weaving expert, he should be given capital for carrying on the weaving industry. Let them show to the people how to carry on these industries. That will

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be a very good moral lesson to the people. We have been paying these experts for a long time. From the point of view of the common people, I say that these experts should show that they can work. Of course, I have no objection if the Government gives them loans for starting their work. I do not say that all the industrial experts should be disbanded at once. I say that 50 per cent. of the experts may be disbanded and grants or loans may be given to them. There are some institutions started by the Government. Let them work and maintain themselves.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): How is it possible to dispense with 50 per cent. of each of the experts? (*Laughter.*)

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): There are some weaving institution worked by the department. They may be handed over to the experts. Let them work on their own responsibility and the savings made by the Government under salaries thereby may be utilised for decreasing taxes on industries. By this measure, the Government can give larger grants to Municipalities and they will reduce the taxes. I wanted to move a similar motion in regard to the Agricultural Department also. But I was not able to do so as it lapsed for want of time. It seems to me that this is a very serious matter for consideration by the Government and the people. As it is, from the accounts given in answer to my questions, the institutions managed by the Agricultural and the Industrial Departments are working at a loss. That has a very bad moral influence upon the people. They are teaching the people that their industry is not a paying concern. That should not be the object, and at least for the sake of avoiding shame these experts must show that they can maintain themselves. I request the Government therefore seriously to consider the matter and to take steps immediately for remedying this defect.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Sir, though I am far from suggesting that the Government should turn a deaf ear to the representations of my esteemed friend, I am sorry I find my view lying in an entirely opposite direction. My friend's suggestion is that 50 per cent. of the amount proposed to be allotted for the department should be cut down and with the rest the Director should be put on his trial to see whether he can emerge out of the situation with success to himself and glory to his department. That suggestion of my friend, I fear, is rather incapable of execution. My own view, Sir, is that the department stands in need of further encouragement by way of money allotments so that anything like a successful working of the department might be attempted. If my friend, the Director of Industries, would permit a little plain speaking on my part, I should observe that the existence of his department is not being felt in the State. The necessary amount of enthusiasm for a young department like the Industries Department is not there.

MR. K. K. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): May I know whether the existence of the Police department is being felt?

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MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*) : My friend can attempt an experiment in that direction and very soon he will realise the consequences. (*Laughter.*)

A number of tentative suggestions put forward by the Director of Industries, I am sorry to observe, have proved a series of disappointments. The boring machine about which I enquired a little while go and about which the Director of Industries, as I recollect, was so keen at the time the purchase of the machine was placed before this House, according to my information, is not giving anything like an adequate return for the money spent on it. On the occasion of the last Budget Session, I enquired about the same machine and then my friend the Director of Industries told me that it was taken to a distant place called Mangamala near Cape Comorin and that it was attempted to be used there in the direction of boring. I learnt that nothing resulted from the experiments. Subsequently, this extremely heavy machine seems to have been allowed to make a circuit about the whole of the coast regions. It was taken to the Cape and various other centres but practically with no better results. Yet my friend assures me that it is still in use. I wish to understand the nature of the use to which this particular machine is being put.

I may also draw the attention of the House to another aspect of the Director's activities. On one occasion, in the teeth of very serious opposition, the Director maintained the need for a cocoanut dessicator. There was a keen controversy over the whole matter, but all the same an indulgent House allowed the Director to make an experiment by allowing a big grant of Rs. 20,000 so that the cocoanut dessicator might be installed in our midst.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*) : Was it a loan ?

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*) : Yes, it was a loan. I understand that the suggestion of the learned Director has not taken any shape as yet. Thus a series of disappointments may be pointed out in the working of the department till now. An amount of timidity and diffidence seems to characterise the proposals of the Director. My humble suggestion, therefore, is that the Director should be encouraged by the State to go forward. He must select certain well-tried spheres for his activity and the State should be so good as to stand by him, giving him any encouragement that he seeks, so that something substantial may be attempted by his department. Therefore, my friend's suggestion to reduce the allotment already allocated to his department by a right half of the amount claimed by the Director, I find impossible to support. My suggestion under the present circumstances is to give the Director all the amount that may be reasonably claimed by him for the purpose of successfully carrying out anything in the State and if the Director of Industries is going to fail there, then it would be time to consider the existence of the department or at any rate the personnel that is allowed to control the department. As a last experiment, I would request the Government to grant anything that the Director may

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demand reasonably for the purpose of venturing on an attractive demonstration of the utility of his department. Hence, I beg to oppose the motion of Mr. G. Raman Menon.

MR. K. C. MAMMEN MAPPILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Sir, Mr. Raman Menon always views things from a high and dispassionate standpoint and his views are always listened to with great respect even when one is not able to agree with him on all points. I am afraid that this is one of the points on which I find myself at entire variance with his views. As to the activities of the department not producing any substantial or tangible and immediate results, I would point out that that feature is not peculiar to the Industrial Department of Travancore. If there are in existence any cut and dry schemes which either the Director of Industries or for the matter of that any other man could easily pick like sands on the sea-shore and convert into money-making propositions, there would never have been any necessity for any Industrial Department. I think that it may be admitted that the Industrial Department is groping its way. It is because there are no schemes or avenues which are either clear or cut and dry that the Government have been convinced of the necessity of putting money on uncertain schemes and on experiments. They grope their way, in the hope that eventually some of these schemes may turn out to be successful. I do not know whether my friend Mr. Narayana Pillai has been reading the reports of the various Industries Departments in India I have been reading some of these reports and I find that there is not one Department of Industries in India which has been able to produce better or more tangible results. They have been groping their way just as we are groping our way. Therefore it will be rather hard to say that the Director should be put on his trial and asked to produce immediately tangible effects and made to understand that his very existence will depend on the success or failure of that particular venture. It is quite opposed to the fundamental principles on which Industrial Departments have been organised. We know that all Governments have been equally wavering as to their policy with regard to this department. Whether there should be any Industrial Department at all and whether its function is merely to give advice or whether it should carry out experimental industrial schemes, all these are still matters under discussion and our department is surely contributing its share in the elucidation and investigation of these complicated and still unsolved problems. Turning to the Agricultural Department in the Madras Presidency, it is more than 50 years since it was started at Saidapet and there have been many attempts at changes and reforms and reorganisation. Even now, they think that that department still requires reorganisation.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): In view of the reform in the Agricultural Department of the Madras Presidency, could not Mr. Mammen Mappillai think of vicissitudes for the Industrial Department here?

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MR. K. C. MAMMEN MAPPILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, North*): That is what I am advocating. My point is that there is no cut and dry scheme which a man can pick up like sands on the sea-shore. If certain schemes have been tried and if the methods suggested by experts of similar departments in other parts of India are also tried and if we find that the direction should be changed, surely it must be changed. To produce definite and immediate and profitable results is far from the object with which the Industrial Department has been organised in India and Travancore is no exception to this rule. That is my reading of the question.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Is that the object of the Industrial Department in every part of India?

MR. K. C. MAMMEN MAPPILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, North*): The object is to find out schemes and methods by which the industries of the country may be improved. My point is that if you can pick these up like sands on the sea-shore, then there would never have been any necessity for the department. It is a matter which requires investigation and experiments and experiment often connotes failure and disappointment. That is the key-note of the whole situation. I quite agree with Mr. Narayana Pillai that one way in which both the Industrial and the Agricultural Departments are handicapped is that there is no continuity of policy. There may be some line of work adumbrated by the Directors and at one time the Government may be favourably inclined towards it and before it is half completed there may be some change in the policy of the Government and the whole thing is scrapped. A tannery was constructed at Karamanai during the late administration. There is a water tank erected there and water pumps and other fittings were purchased nearly two years ago. But they remain. Probably there is a change in the policy of the Government; so, instead of spending the few rupees that would be necessary for completing the experiment, the money already spent is being wasted. I think there was a proposal made by the Director of Industries two years ago that some money should be sanctioned for starting a soap factory here. In the Finance Committee of the year before the last, I helped to knock this scheme on the head because I thought that that was a useless scheme. Later on I happened to speak to a young man who was mainly instrumental in bringing forward that scheme. The young man concerned told me that he had undergone training in Bangalore and various other institutes and had received practical training in soap manufacture. He was able to convince the Government of the day that he could produce soap here. Some steps were taken in that direction. When that scheme was laid brand-new before the Finance Committee, I felt that it was a matter on which money should not be spent and as I said I helped to knock the scheme on its head. It is thus that so many disappointments and set-backs take place. Therefore, I protest against the idea that either the Agricultural Department or the Industrial Department should be asked to produce tangible results. Their object is to experiment and the public ought to be prepared for failure so long as they are experimenting.

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MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Does the member know the work of such departments in European and American countries?

MR. K. C. MAMMEN MAPPILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, North*): They are centuries ahead of us: after groping in the dark for a long time, they must have been progressing.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): I rise to oppose the motion and, in doing so, I would like to confine myself to putting some questions to the Director who I hope will answer them. Last year, Sir, we sanctioned a lump sum of Rs. 30,000 for starting cottage indstries in the State. I want to know from the Director of Industries the amount spent on such account and also the number of industries started and the result.

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Sir, after hearing Mr. Raman Menon and some other members on the other side of the House, I think it is not necessary that I should seriously answer the motion brought forward by Mr. Raman Menon. However, I shall answer one or two questions raised in the course of the discussion of this motion. Mr. Raman Menon said the Directors of Agriculture and Industries were giving the impression that they were alchemists. I am sure that neither Dr. Kunjan Pillai nor I ever wanted to make anybody understand that we are alchemists. On the contrary, we have been trying to disillusion people from this opinion. What we have been saying is that we are experimenters and our experiments may sometimes fail. Anyhow, the public should not look up to our departments for any return, (*Laughter*) I mean any money profit.

Some people are under the impression that the Department of Industries is a department for running factories only. That is not the idea of the Government as far as I have understood it. The object of the Department of Industries as well as of the Agricultural Department is to aid people engaged in either industries or agriculture. That is the object of these two departments. If we view this aspect of the question in this light, we can see the utility of these departments. In connection with the various industries, we have to carry on investigations in which highly paid officers have to be engaged; and for this expenditure, the department does not get any money return. I will refer to one instance. My tanning expert has been trying whether Thambakam bark could be used as a tanning material. That had not been used anywhere; and we did not know whether suitable leather could be got with it. Some samples of leather produced in the tannery were sent to the Imperial Institute, London, and they have sent us their opinion. It is as follows:—

"The trials showed that the skins tanned with Thambakam bark take the dye better than those tanned with Konna bark, and that the brittleness of the skins was effectually overcome in the finishing processes. On the basis of these results, the brokers state that the skins tanned with Thambakam bark would be worth 3 s. 4 d. to 3 s. 6 d. per lb. in London at the present time whilst those tanned with Konna bark would realise 3s. to 3s. 2d. per lb. At these prices, such skins would find a ready market if shipped in sufficiently large quantities, say from 8,000 to 10,000 skins at a time, whereas small consignments of 1,000 to 2,000 skins would probably not realise so high a price."

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To get that opinion, the tanning expert had to be engaged for about a year on special duty and he was paid at the rate of Rs. 300 per mensem. Much material had to be used for it.

The benefit derived out of this experiment is that this information is at the disposal of the public. Anybody who is prepared to invest enough money to be able to produce eight to ten thousand skins at a time can apply to the department for the information and can undertake the tanning industry. The results of the investigations carried on by the Industries Department cannot always be calculated in the shape of money. I have given the House one instance in which the department has succeeded in its experiment. There are several other instances like this.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ഇപ്പോൾ ഇവിടെ പറഞ്ഞമാതിരി രണ്ടു മൂന്നു ദൃഷ്ടാന്തങ്ങൾകൂടി പറയാമോ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): I can give at least one instance more. I cannot remember all the instances. We have been experimenting in the manufacture of ink, and I may say, we have succeeded in that experiment. Sir, people may think that the manufacture of ink is very simple. In my boyhood, Sir, I remember, I used to manufacture my own ink. But when you want to manufacture ink for the market you will find that it is a very difficult business. In this matter, I may also quote the opinion of the Director of Industries, Madras. He also says in his report that when they started the manufacture of ink there, they did so under the impression that it was a very simple process, that, on actual trial, they found it to be very difficult and that it was after a series of trials that they were able to arrive at the right process. We also had to go through a series of trials before we could arrive at the right process; and now we are trying to manufacture fluid ink for the Stationery Department. The department is not anxious to go on manufacturing ink with a view to make any profits. But if anybody is prepared to try that industry, the department is prepared to give him all the secrets in the manufacture of ink. I suppose Mr. Kumara Pillai will be satisfied with these two instances. There are other instances also.

MR. C. N. TUPPAN NAMPUTIRI (*Jenmies*): മഷി ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്നതു പൈവരായിട്ടു വച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നതെന്തിനാണ്? ഗസറിൽ പരസ്യം ചെയ്തുതോ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): പരസ്യം ചെയ്യാം. വിരോധമില്ല.

Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai made pointed reference to the boring machine (*Laughter*) and I also want to give him a pointed answer to that.

MR. S. C. H. ROBINSON (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): That is a bit boring, Sir. (*Laughter.*)

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MR. C. N. TUPPAN NAPUTIRI (*Jenmies*) : വ്യവസായഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറ് ഇവിടെ സ്ഥാപിച്ചശേഷം ജനങ്ങൾക്ക പ്രയോജനമുള്ള എന്തെങ്കിലും കണ്ടു പിടിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : പല കാര്യങ്ങളും കണ്ടു പിടിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. അതെല്ലാം ഇവിടെ പറഞ്ഞല്ലോ?

MR. C. N. TUPPAN NAMPUTIRI (*Jenmies*): മഷി നമ്മുടെ നാട്ടിൽ മുമ്പേ തന്നെ ഉണ്ടാക്കിക്കൊണ്ടിരുന്ന ഒന്നാണ. അതിനെക്കാൾ പ്രയോജനകരമായിട്ട വല്ലതും കണ്ടു പിടിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : തോൽ വ്യവസായം ചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ട്. ഇങ്ങിനെ പല സംഗതികളും ഇവിടെ പറഞ്ഞു കഴിഞ്ഞു.

When I moved for the grant for that boring machine, I referred to the several uses to which it could be put. One of its uses, that I referred to, was the prospecting for minerals. After the machine was got down, and soon after it could be worked, it was sent to Mangamala where there was a deposit of pyrrhotite which contains nickel, copper and even a small quantity of platinum.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know whether the work there was started after the matter was fully investigated ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : We investigated it as far as we could without the boring machine.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Who was the officer by whom the investigation was made ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Many officers investigated it. Mr. Masilamani investigated it ; I investigated it and my assistant also did it.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : What was the opinion of Mr. Masilamani about it ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : He was so sanguine about it that he wanted to start mining operation there.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Was it not the opinion of Mr. Tipper that the mine, if worked out, would prove a failure ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : I do not know whether Mr. Tipper was of that opinion.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know the extent of the deposit at Mangamala ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : It was just to ascertain the extent of the deposit there that we wanted to carry on the boring operations.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know the percentage of the several metals in the mineral that is found there ?

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MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): I have not got the figures with me now. I have given the figures in one of my reports.

Pyrrhotite was found exposed in three spots in that locality and that was why I took the machine there.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): What is the material, please?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): It is called pyrrhotite, and it contains nickel, copper and even a small quantity of platinum. The Imperial Institute also suggested that it was worth while to ascertain the extent of deposit there. Since the rocks at Mangamala are igneous rocks, it was thought that the cheapest method of ascertaining the extent of the deposit was by boring holes in the region. That was why the boring drill was taken to Mangamala. I thought it would be better to bore a hole at the place which I estimated to be the eastern extremity of the deposit. To find out the extent of the deposit, I thought the best method was to exclude the regions where the deposits could not be found. If the deposit, as a matter of fact, extended at the place where I bored the hole, we ought to have been able to find it at the fiftieth feet. Therefore, to assure myself that there is no deposit there, I went up to the hundredth feet and then asked the work to be stopped.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): In what time was the depth of hundred feet bored?

MR. I C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): In about five or six months, I think. I am not sure of it. Anyhow, even if it had taken a longer time, there are excuses for that. It was the first time that our men had been asked to work a boring drill. They had no experience in the matter. Moreover the locality was very inconvenient. Water had to be brought from a great distance. There were all these difficulties. Therefore, the work should not be judged by the time taken. Sometimes the drills broke. This happens very often, especially in rocky regions; and whenever the drill breaks, a new drill has to be fitted in, and that takes a long time.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Amlalapuzha*): Did the accident, of the breaking of the drills, actually happen during the boring operations at Mangamala?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Yes, such things are very usual in boring operations.

After the money sanctioned for the purpose was exhausted, the machine was taken to the Agricultural Fruit Farm at Mahadanapuram, at the request of the Director of Agriculture.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know for what purpose?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): It was taken there with a view to see whether water could be struck at a reasonable depth in that farm.

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MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Was it with the object of finding out the possibility of artesian water?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : Does he mean artesian well ?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Yes.

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): I will never say that an artesian well could be found out in that region. As I have already stated, the place consists of igneous rocks, and I do not think anybody could expect an artesian well in such places.

The boring machine was then working for sometime, somewhere at Kottaram or at Suchindrum, at the request of the Chief Engineer.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Has the machine been practically handed over by the Industrial Department to other departments?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : No, not yet.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Amlalapuzha*) : Is it being worked under the guidance of the Director of Industries ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : It is being worked under my guidance although it is directly under the Industrial Engineer.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*) : Could it be made use of by every department ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : For whatever purpose the Government direct me to work it, I work it.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : Is it being used more by the Industries Department or by other departments ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : In fact, the Industries Department, the Agricultural Department and the Public Works Department, each of these three departments has made use of it once.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): For how many months was it under the Director of Agriculture ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : It was never under the Director of Agriculture. It was under me, and I worked it for him.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*) : For how many months was it used by the Agricultural Department ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): For about three months, I think.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*) : For how many months was it at the disposal of the Chief Engineer ?

MR I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): I do not think it is now more than a month since it has been at his disposal.

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MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether, before it was worked with a view to find out water, the conditions of water-supply in the locality were investigated, and whether it was worked there to find out a source of water?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): One of the best means of finding out sources of water is to bore holes with the aid of the boring drill. (*Laughter.*)

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): So, without any data, the boring is done?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): We *have* data. We know that the place consists of igneous rocks and that, therefore, it would not be easy to get a permanent and good source of water.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether the Director of Industries will be able to give the machine another name, instead of calling it the "boring machine"? (*Laughter.*)

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): It may be called the "drilling machine", if the member so choses.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know whether, as a result of the boring operations, the department has been able to come across a source of good water?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Yes, there was water there, and good water too. But to get at the source of water we had to go down up to the seventy-fifth or the eightieth feet. We found that, from such a depth, the water would come up to a level of about thirty feet below the ordinary ground level.

Sir, there is only one more point which I have to answer. Mr. Kochukunju Pillai asked me about the use to which the lump allotment of Rs. 30,000 for cottage industries had been put. If reference is made to what the President stated, at the time the allotment was discussed by this House, it will be seen that this allotment was provided for new schemes that might ripen during the course of the year. As a matter of fact, the Government have been examining several schemes, but have not been satisfied as to the adaptability of most of them. That is the reason why a large portion of this sum has not been spent.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Am I to understand that the money is remaining unspent?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): A small part of it has been spent on schemes which have been considered by Government and approved.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know the amount that has been actually spent?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): I think it may be about Rs. 30,000 or Rs. 40,000.

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MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ൩൦,൦൦൦ രൂപയും ഈ ആണ്ടിൽ ചിലവാക്കാനല്ലേ ദിവാൻജി അവർകൾ പറഞ്ഞത്?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): If reference is made to what the President has stated on the occasion, it will be found that he did not say that the whole amount would be spent during that year itself. What he said was that it was intended to provide for new schemes that might ripen during the course of the year. If I remember correctly, that is what the President has said.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): I may read out that portion:

"A sum of Rs. 30,000 has been earmarked in the interests of new industrial schemes".

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): That is not what the President said.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): May I request Mr. Chacko to refer to the Dewan's opening address at the Twenty-second Session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): I am not referring to that. I am referring to the Council Proceedings. This is what the President has stated there:

"With regard to this motion, I may say that I put that allotment of Rs. 30,000 down myself in the hope of being able to make a small beginning with cottage industries the next year. In what particular direction it will be utilised, I cannot tell you definitely now".

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ഞാൻ വായിച്ചതും ദിവാൻജിഅവർകൾ പ്രജാസഭയിൽ വച്ചു പറഞ്ഞതാണ്.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know for what purpose the sum of Rs. 30,000 or Rs. 40,000 had been spent?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): A portion of it was spent for some trials in '*umbrella assembling*'; (*Laughter*) and another part of it was spent for an electro-plating equipment.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Does he mean *Olakkudas*? (*Laughter.*)

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): No; I mean *Seelakkudas*. (*Laughter.*)

MR. K. K. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): I did not understand what he meant by '*umbrella assembly*.'

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): It is '*umbrella assembling*' and not '*umbrella assembly*'. The several parts of the umbrella are got down and put together. That is a very profitable occupation.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Was the scheme successful?

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MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): I am very hopeful about it.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know how the passage, quoted by him out of the President's speech, helps him in justifying the inactivity of the department? Will he kindly explain it?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): I do not quite understand the question.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): I want to know how the passage, quoted by him, helps him in the matter of explaining away the non-action of his department.

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): As I have stated already, the several new schemes, as they come forward, are being placed before the Government for consideration; and it naturally takes some time for the Government to dispose of them. It is not always possible to dispose of a sufficient number of schemes which would consume the whole allotment within the year itself.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether the whole of the 30,000 or 40,000 rupees was spent for *umbrella making*?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): I said that a portion of it was spent for an electro-plating equipment. Some money, I think—I am not quite sure of it—was also utilised for the purchase of raw materials for the tannery.

As regards the cocoanut dessicator, Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai said that a loan had been *paid* to a certain gentleman.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): I only said that a loan was proposed to be paid.

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): That is all right.

Soon after the allotment for the loan was made, the gentleman who had applied for the loan had certain domestic calamities as a result of which he had to postpone the dessicating industry. There was therefore no necessity for the loan.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): So, misfortune seems to haunt the department from all sides. (*Laughter.*)

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): I do not think it is the misfortune of the department.

MR. K. C. MAMMEN MAPPILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Does the Director of Industries take any responsibility for the failure of any person who applies to the department for help, besides placing the allotted amount at his disposal on his furnishing proper security?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Certainly not; my duty ends when I place the money at the disposal of the person who wants the help.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether the department is now in a position to sell umbrellas at a reasonable price? (*Laughter.*)

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MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : As I have already stated, we do not manufacture umbrellas. We recently made some trials in getting down the several parts of the umbrella and in putting them together. I may anyhow say, Sir, that if, as suggested by Mr. Raman Menon, I am given a loan, I hope to be able to make a large profit out of this industry.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Sir, I brought this motion simply to press upon the attention of the House and of the Government the necessity for showing something tangible to the people in the matter of industries. I find that there are misconceptions among some of my friends about this matter. I wish to remove them. The chief defect in all Indian Governments, especially the Travancore Government is, that while the life of the common people lies in one sphere, the lives of the officers of Government will be in quite a different one and have very little to do with the life of the common people. There is the same defect in regard to our Industries Department also. In other countries, the Industries Department will concern itself with the industries actually prevalent in the country and will give suggestions to improve them. If that is taken to be the object of our Industrial Department also, then we can avoid 'groping in the dark.' The object of the department should be to co-ordinate its working with the actual life of the people, and with the several industries prevalent in the country, and to see how the industries already prevalent in the country could be improved. Educated men who are considered to be experts in particular industries, and who constitute the Industrial Department, ought to work for the improvement of industries that have been tried for ages and that are prevalent in the country. They must be in a position to show to the people that they are able to make a living out of these industries. It was with this object that I suggested to the Government that these experts should be given some money as loans and should be asked to work out some of these industries and to maintain themselves out of it, instead of paying them as Government servants. We all know that Government service is paying and is respectable. We do not want to include these industrial experts also along with the easy-going Government servants. My own view is that these experts should be asked to maintain themselves out of the profits that they are able to make out of these industries. It was with that object that I brought forward the motion.

With these observations, I beg leave to withdraw the motion.

The motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Motion 328.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Sir, I beg to make the following motion:—

328. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 1·12 lakhs under Demand XVI by Rs. 100.

The object of the motion is to suggest to the Government the amalgamation of all the Development Departments.

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MR. N. V. JOSEPH (*Parur*) : I rise to a point of order. Although it is a token motion, the object of it goes far beyond the scope of the Industries Department, in regard to the allotment for which alone a cut is proposed. The motion affects several other departments also, and the mover may raise questions about several other departments. Only the Director of Industries is in charge of this subject and he cannot be expected to answer the questions raised by the mover in regard to other departments. Therefore, my point is that this is not the proper place to discuss the question of the amalgamation of all the Development Departments.

MR. KAYYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : Strictly speaking, Sir, I think that the object of the motion, as stated by Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai, is beyond the scope of the Industries Department. At the most, he may be allowed, I think, to suggest that the Industries Department does not deserve to exist as a separate department. But I do not think that he can go beyond that and suggest the amalgamation of all the Development Departments, since that question concerns other departments also. If Mr. Nilakanta Pillai will restrict himself to the Industries Department, I think that he will be in order. But if he speaks on the amalgamation of all the Development Departments, he will be out of order.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Sir, even while sending the motion, I had given my object, *viz.*, to suggest the amalgamation of all the Development Departments. The Government have also accepted the motion knowing my definite object. If really it was out of order in the opinion of the Government, they would have disallowed the motion and would not have accepted it. Moreover, I am sure I am entitled to say that the expenditure incurred for the direction of the Industries Department is very high and that the best way to minimise that expenditure would be to amalgamate that department with the other Development Departments.

MR. KAYYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The point is that Mr. Chacko cannot be expected to answer criticisms of the other Development Departments like the Agricultural and the Forest Departments.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : The heads of those departments can also speak under this motion.

MR. KAYYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : But it is only Mr. Chacko that is in charge of the motion for the demand.

The other point of Mr. Nilakanta Pillai is that, since the Government have not disallowed the motion, it is the opinion of the Government that the discussion of the question of the amalgamation of the Development Departments is perfectly in order. It does not at all follow. Moreover, it is open to any member to raise a point of order at any time.

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MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is it not open to a member to be guided by the interpretation put upon his motion by the Government?

MR. KAYYALAM PARAMEVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): First of all, I do not think that the fact that the Government have not objected to the motion amounts to an interpretation by the Government that the member is necessarily in order. Moreover, even granting that that was the interpretation of the Government, it is not conclusive, and members are at perfect liberty to raise points of order now.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Sir, what I submit is that even though I might refer to the heads of some other departments, they are also here and they may be asked to answer me with facts and figures concerning their own departments. I am only going to discuss the general question of the amalgamation of all the Development Departments.

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Nominated*) (*Deputy President*): The proper procedure to suggest the amalgamation of various departments would be to move a resolution.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Would it be in order if I suggest that the Industries Department and the Agricultural Department might be put under one officer?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Nominated*) (*Deputy President*): No, but I believe, it is open to Mr. Nilakanta Pillai to say that the Industries Department should be abolished altogether.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Then, Sir, I think I may even start with the statement that the Industries Department should be abolished. (*Laughter.*)

PRESIDENT: Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai, the subject-matter of your motion really transcends the scope of the particular department the demand for which we are now considering. You may speak upon your motion in so far as it relates to *this* department. But, you should not use this particular subject as a peg on which to hang various other departments as well.

In regard to what you said about the wording of your notice of this motion, that merely indicates your own idea and it does not commit the Government to any definite opinion on the matter. It is merely the communication of *your* intention at the time, and, even in regard to that, you are at perfect liberty to speak of other matters as well. If you wish to bring forward this particular question of the amalgamation of the Development Departments, a resolution would be the proper method.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Then, Sir, I will speak about the abolition of the Department of Industries. I do not see why there should be a separate department as the Industries Department. The object of the motion is to draw the attention of the Government to the enormous expenditure incurred for 'Direction' in the

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Industries Department. When compared to other departments, the expenditure here is quite disproportionate to the benefits which the people derive from the working of the department. It has been brought frequently to the notice of this House by the members of the Council and to the notice of the Government by the elected members in the Popular Assembly that the expenditure incurred for this department is getting heavier and heavier year after year. The Dewan also in reply to the representations made in the Popular Assembly said "in the matter of expenditure, I share your views a great deal. There should be a possibility of curtailing our expenditure and that will engage my very earnest attention." This is what the Dewan himself said to the representations of the members. Therefore what I propose is, that if the Government are very anxious to see that this growing expenditure should be curtailed, here is an opportunity for them to adopt my suggestion. What I suggest is that the Industries Department may not exist as a separate department. By abolishing this department, the Government would be in a position to save several thousands of rupees. Taking the point of view of income of this department, I think this department may be called 'nil income department' and the control that the head of this department has to exercise is to spend nearly one lakh of rupees. Of this 'Direction', alone costs Rs. 39,200. For this matter, the Government have to incur a heavy expenditure. By comparing it with some other departments, *e. g.*, there is the Land Revenue and Income Tax Department which has to collect something like 45 lakhs of rupees and spend nearly Rs. 10 lakhs, it can be seen that, here the 'Direction' costs only Rs. 32,590. There is the Excise Department which has to collect nearly 93 and odd lakhs of rupees and to spend about 5 lakhs of rupees. Here again, 'Direction' costs only Rs. 54,900.

Sir, with these figures, I put the question whether there is any necessity to incur such a large expenditure for a minor department like the Industries Department under 'Direction' alone. That is the reason why I suggested the abolition of the Industries Department as a separate department.

MR. C. P. TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): പി. ഡബ്ലിയു. ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിന്റേയും ഇൻഡസ്ട്രിയൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിന്റേയും ചിലവിനും ഡയറക്ഷന്റെ ചിലവിനും തമ്മിലുള്ള താരതമ്യം എങ്ങിനേയാണ്?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): ബഡ്ജറു നോക്കാമല്ലൊ. ബഡ്ജറിൽ നൂറാം പേജിൽ ഉണ്ട്.

MR. C. P. TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): ലാൻറ്റവന്യൂഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിന്റേയും എക്സൈസ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിന്റേയും കാര്യം മെമ്പർ ഇവിടെ പറയുകയുണ്ടായി.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I refer to these two departments, because they are the two most important departments from the point of view of income.

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MR. C. P. TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*) : ഈ രണ്ടു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറുകളും വരവുണ്ടാക്കുന്നതിനു മാത്രമാണെന്നു മെമ്പർക്കറിയാമോ?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): വരവുണ്ടാക്കുന്നതിനു മാത്രമല്ല.

MR. C. P. TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*) : പിന്നെ എക്സൈസ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശമെന്താണ്?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : ശരിയായവിധത്തിൽ വരവുണ്ടാക്കുന്നതിന്.

MR. C. P. TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): ലാൻറ് റവന്യൂ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശം എന്താണ്?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): അതിൽ ന്യായമായ വരവുണ്ട്. അങ്ങിനേയുള്ള ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ ചിലവു ചെയ്യുന്നതു കൊണ്ടു ജനങ്ങൾക്കു സങ്കടമില്ല.

MR. C. P. TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*) : ഇൻഡസ്ട്രിയൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറു ജനങ്ങൾക്കു ആദായം ഉണ്ടാക്കാനാണ് സ്ഥാപിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതെന്നറിയാമോ?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): ഗവർണ്മെൻറിന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശം അതുതന്നെയായിരിക്കാം. എന്റെ പായിൻറു മെമ്പർമനസ്സിലാക്കിയില്ലെന്നു തോന്നുന്നു. ചെറുതായ ഒരു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലേക്കു ഡയറക്ഷനും മാത്രം വലുതായ ഒരു തുക ചിലവാക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. അതു ആവശ്യമില്ലെന്നാണു ഞാൻ പറയുന്നതു്.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : Even if this department is abolished, should there not be a person to control this special section?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Yes, that is exactly what I say.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : May I know whether there will then be much reduction in the expenditure?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Yes.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the member be pleased to explain the details of expenditure?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : That was the point which I wanted to bring to the kind notice of this House. I wanted to suggest the amalgamation of several departments, *i. e.*, to put them under one officer. If I was permitted to speak on the amalgamation of the development departments I would have been in a position to explain as to how the Government would be able to reduce expenditure. Unless

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I am permitted to refer to other departments, I am not in a position to convince the member how a large amount could be saved by putting all these departments under one officer.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : Even if there is a principal officer, should there not be a subordinate officer in charge of the Industries Department?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : My friend should understand there is a great deal of difference between a subordinate officer and the head of a department.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : Is it not possible to get a person who is competent to look after the whole department?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Certainly, we can get a competent person to manage all these departments.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : Is there not a need for a capable man to be in charge of these departments?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Yes. If such a competent man is found, he will be an expert to manage the Industries and the Agricultural Departments. When such is the case, I do not find the necessity for having a separate officer for the Industries Department.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : Does he believe that there is at present any such officer in the State who is able to manage all these departments if amalgamated?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : I believe there are officers in this State. Even if I do not believe, there is no difficulty to get a competent officer for that, provided the Government are prepared to pay adequately.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : Are not these departments in need of special experts in various subjects?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : That is what I meant by experts. Nothing prevents a man to specialise in various matters such as Industries, Agriculture and production of salt.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : Does he say that we can get experts who have specialised in all these departments?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : We have so-called experts to control this department. From the point of view of working of these departments, I think there is no use of spending so much money on 'Direction' alone. Where several departments are put under a particular expert, the controlling of those departments will be the same so far as the people are concerned. Therefore, my point is that we must make all attempts to reduce expenditure by putting all these departments under one officer.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*) : Is he aware that there is a Development Minister in Madras?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Yes, I am aware.

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MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Is he aware that he is not an expert either in industry or agriculture or in any of the particular branches of the Development Departments?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): He may not be and he is not, as a matter of fact. I think there is considerable difference between a Development Minister and the head of a department like the Industries or Agriculture.

Sir, as the range of my speech is rather limited by the ruling from the Chair, I would only suggest that there is no use incurring any large amount for the Industries Department under 'Direction' alone. So, if possible, the Government would find out a method for putting minor departments which has to spend one or two lakhs, under one competent officer so that the separate existence of a department like the Industries Department under a heavily paid officer may be avoided. With these words, I move the motion.

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): I am sorry I cannot accept Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai's motion. He bases his arguments on economy and economy alone. But in the administration of a department or in the various services which the Government have to render to the public, economy is not the only question. Economy must be compatible with efficiency. For the administration of departments, there are certain matters, there are certain ways of thought, there are certain subjects in which the directing authority must be fairly well versed. For an administrator, it may not be necessary that he should be an expert in all these things. But the head of a technical department must be one who is well versed at least in the most important of all the operations conducted in the department and must be able to co-ordinate all these different activities. It may not be possible for the head of a department comprising a large number of isolated, unconnected and unco-ordinated subjects to bring them all together under control.

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Nominated*) (*Deputy President*): Is the Director of Industries at Madras an expert?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): No, he is not an expert.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the Director of Industries is of opinion that the amalgamation of some of these departments will not be possible?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): That is my opinion.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): May I know whether the present Director has a leather expert under him?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Yes. I have a leather expert.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Has he a textile expert in his department?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Yes. I have a textile expert.

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MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Is the Director himself an expert in textiles?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): He may not be an expert in textile. But he is an expert in the sciences involved in textile matters.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): May I know whether the Director is an expert in leather?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): No.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Yet, is he not able to produce tangible results in leather from Thambakam? What does that show?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): That shows that the Director knew the fundamental principles involved in that.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Even though he was not an expert in that line, he was able to show efficiency in his department. Does he concede that?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): He was able because he knew the fundamental sciences involved in that line.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Does he not expect some amount of efficiency or understanding capacity in another man if he is appointed as a Director provided these several departments are co-ordinated?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): I do not understand the question.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Supposing the present Director is made the Director of all the Development Departments, will he not be able to manage those departments as efficiently as he is doing now?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): I am sure I will not accept the responsibility.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): It is not a question of his accepting or refusing. I wish to know whether he is competent to manage the departments satisfactorily?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Unless the member mentions which departments, it is not possible for me to say anything.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Suppose he is given a higher pay, will he not be able to manage?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): What are the departments?

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): I mean the Industries Department, Agricultural Department, the Co-operative Department and a few other Departments—

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): I consider it too much for any man.

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MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*) : May I know from the Director of Industries whether there is not at least one head above all these departments in the State ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : Yes.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*) : Does he consider it too much work for one?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : He is the head of the administration.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR ((*Shertallai*) : Is the member aware that the Dewan has to look after the work of several departments and yet he is managing it satisfactorily ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : There are certain limits within which a Dewan can act.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*) : What does he mean by saying 'within certain limits'?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : There are certain limits within which he has to act and beyond that he has to seek the advice of the departmental heads.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*) : Then why can we not expect the same amount of efficiency from other heads of departments also ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : Suppose I can do two things well, it does not mean I can do a hundred things in the same manner.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Is he not able, that is my question ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Unless I know the person, I cannot answer.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): I have no person in mind when I say all this. From Mr. Chacko's own words, I gathered that he did not bring any profit to the State because his department is in an initial stage. In the initial stage, is it not possible to amalgamate these departments? If such a condition arises, I think then they can be amalgamated. Until then can we not amalgamate—

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : Now I have only to correct a statement. I did not say that the Industries Department was not of any profit to the State.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : May I know whether the present Director has got sufficient qualification to supervise the work of other experts ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : That is rather a personal question and I do not want to answer it.

MR. K. C. MAMMEN MAPPILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : Sir, there is a great deal of confusion in the speeches of some of the members about the head of the administration controlling the various departments and the expert head controlling his department. In former times,

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the Dewan Peishkar was in charge of various branches of the administration in the country, for example, the Excise, Land Revenue, etc. In course of time, the activities of the several departments were found to be very much centralised. As they developed, it was necessary to bring about a decentralisation. This kind of decentralisation becomes indispensable for a civilised Government like Travancore.

The application of the analogy of the head of the administration controlling the entire administration and deducing therefrom that the various technical departments such as Agriculture and Industries—why not add Engineering and Medical also—may similarly be placed under one and the same person is unsound. It was suggested the other day that the post of the Director of Public Instruction might very well be abolished and in his place a Secretary might be appointed. There are competent Assistant Surgeons in the Medical Department. Following the line of argument taken by my friend, I may suggest that one of them might be appointed as the Darbar Physician on a much lower pay. Similarly, I may say of the Engineering Department also. What I want to show therefore is that the proposition is untenable and impossible. Therefore, I strongly oppose the motion.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I was unable to present to the House all the aspects of the question involved in the motion. To be of any use, I think it is necessary to discuss all the sides and aspects of the question. Therefore I would take another opportunity of discussing the subject by bringing forward a resolution. With these few words, I beg permission to withdraw the motion.

The motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Motion 329.

The following motion was not moved :—

MR. K. I. JOSEPH :

329. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 1·12 lakhs under Demand XVI by Rs. 100.

The question that Rs. 1·12 lakhs under Demand XVI—Industries—be granted was put to the vote of the House and carried.

The grant was made.

The Council adjourned for lunch at 1-50 P. M. and re-assembled at 2-45 P. M. with the Deputy President in the Chair.

DEMAND XVII—MEDICAL DEPARTMENT—Rs. 6·72 LAKHS.

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Services*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 6·72 lakhs under Demand XVII—Medical Department.

23 A. MEDICAL AND SANITARY—SUPERINTENDENCE.

Motion 330.

The following motion was not moved :

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI :

330. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 6,857 for establishment by Rs. 100.

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